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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

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---Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional of *copending* U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/381,810 filed October 19, 1999, which is the national phase of PCT/JP98/01371 filed March 27, 1998 and claiming priority from Japanese Hei-9-094845 filed March 28, 1997. ---now U.S. Patent No. 6,252,046.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 4 without prejudice to their reentry at some later date.